BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

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In the Matter of)		ZUUI MAR 15 🗀 1: 10
Missouri Democratic State Committee and Donna Knight, as treasurer)))	MUR 5150	SENSITIVE

GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT #3

I. ACTIONS RECOMMENDED: Approve the attached signed conciliation agreement.

II. BACKGROUND

On November 7, 2000, the Commission found reason to believe that Missouri Democratic State Committee and Donna Knight, as treasurer (the "Committee") violated 2 U.S.C. § 441a(f) of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended (the "Act") for receiving excessive contributions; and the Commission's regulations at 11 C.F.R. § 102.5(a) for failing to properly allocate expenditures, and refunds and rebates between its federal and non-federal accounts. On that same day, the Commission decided to enter into pre-probable cause conciliation with the Committee in an effort to settle the matter prior to a finding of probable cause to believe.¹

III. DISCUSSION OF CONCILIATION

On December 14, 2000, the Commission made a final determination that the Committee must pay a \$6,800 administrative fine for the late filing of its July 2000 quarterly report. The Committee paid the \$6,800 administrative fine on February 2, 2001. See AF# 48. The administrative fines matter is unrelated to the subject Report.

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IV. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. Approve the proposed conciliation agreement;
- 2. Close the file; and
- 3. Approve the appropriate letter.

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MEMORANDUM Office of the Commission Secretary FROM: **Office of General Counsel** DATE: March 16, 2001 SUBJECT: MUR 5150- General Counsel's Report #3 The attached is submitted as an Agenda document for the Commission Meeting of _____ Open Session Closed Session **CIRCULATIONS** DISTRIBUTION SENSITIVE **NON-SENSITIVE** \boxtimes COMPLIANCE 72 Hour TALLY VOTE \boxtimes **Open/Closed Letters** MUR 24 Hour TALLY VOTE DSP 24 Hour NO OBJECTION **STATUS SHEETS** Enforcement **INFORMATION** Litigation **PFESP** 96 Hour TALLY VOTE **RATING SHEETS AUDIT MATTERS** LITIGATION **ADVISORY OPINIONS** REGULATIONS

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